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of view is interesting in its difference from the traditional self-estimate of New England. It is evident that in his opinion, at least, not all the sifting of grain took place in Massachusetts.

ST. GEORGE L. SIOUSSAT

A bibliography of municipal government in the United States. By William Bennett Munro, professor of municipal government, Harvard university. Second edition. [Publications of the bureau for research in municipal government.] (Cambridge: Harvard university press, London: Humphrey Milford, Oxford university press, 1915. 472 p. \$2.50 net)

The editor tells us that he has endeavored in this bibliography to present the variety of material needed by the widening horizon of the student of municipal affairs. The bibliography includes only recent publications. Preference is given to official data and to those books, pamphlets, etc., which are readily accessible. Space is allotted with reference to the importance and present-day interest of the topics. The bibliography aims to be comprehensive but not exhaustive.

The references are listed under the following sub-heads: general works of reference, political machinery and direct legislation, municipal organization, city planning and public improvements, public utilities, sanitation and public health, public safety, education and general betterment and municipal finance.

The sub-topics under the general heads are those of interest to any municipal student. Thus they include municipal statistics, civil service, excess condemnation, parks, bridges, art, franchises, hospitals, municipal cemeteries, smoke abatement, the social evil, municipal baths, social surveys, billboard regulation, budget-making, municipal debts, etc. The material under each sub-head is arranged alphabetically by authors. Dates, pages, editions, and publishers, are given. For important publications there is also a critical estimate of contents. Exceptionally good judgment has been used in the selection, arrangement, and source of topics. It is a handbook of inestimable value to students of municipal affairs.

CLYDE LYNDON KING

The spirit of the American revolution as revealed in the poetry of the period. A study of American patriotic verse, 1760-1783. By Samuel White Patterson, A.M., Ph.D., DeWitt Clinton high school and Columbia university, lecturer, Board of education, New York City. (Boston: Richard G. Badger, Toronto: Copp Clark company, limited, 1915. 235 p. \$1.50 net)

The somewhat expansive title and sub-title of Mr. Patterson's book give one a fair idea of what the work undertakes to offer; three sentences